

# SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

MAY 6, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

As the *Father* has  
loved me, so have I  
loved you. Now  
*remain in my love.*  
John 15:9

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE ON *HYFRYDOL*  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

SIMON PEBERDY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed!**

CHORAL INTROIT

*GIVE GOOD GIFTS*  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

ANONYMOUS

Give good gifts, one to another; peace, joy and comfort, gladly bestow.  
Harbor no ill 'gainst sister or brother; smooth life's journey as you onward go.

Broad as the sunshine, free as the showers, so spread an influence blessing to prove.  
Give to the noblest of efforts your powers; bless and be blessed is the law of love.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!  
**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**  
There is no greater love than this:  
to lay down one's life for one's friends.  
Let us worship God.

The Season of Easter lasts 50 days, beginning on Resurrection Sunday and ending on Pentecost Sunday.

**The introit** is taken from a hymnal published in 1893 by the Shaker community in Mount Lebanon, NY.

\* HYMN

COME ALL YOU PEOPLE

“UYAI MOSE”

*(You are invited to use your percussion instruments to make a joyful noise.)*

We enter into God's presence delighting in the glory of the Lord and reveling in the humbling notion that the Almighty actually wants to be in relationship with us. So we sing praise with all we've got!

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;  
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;  
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;  
Come now and worship the Lord.

Verse 2: come and praise your Savior

Verse 3: come and praise the Spirit

Verse 4: come and love each other

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear.  
In Christ, you claim us as children, but we disobey your commands.  
In Christ, you even call us friends, but we have not been faithful to you.

Forgive us, God of grace.

By the power of your Spirit help us to abide in your love  
and share that love with others; through Jesus Christ our Lord...

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

KYRIE #579

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“ORTHODOX ”

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\* RESPONSE #582 GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

“GLORY TO GOD”

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

*(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)*

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

ACTS 10:44-48

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 122

### PSALM

PSALM 98

"SING A NEW SONG"

(Please sing the refrain as directed by the cantor.)

Refrain:

Sing a new song un-to the Lord; let your song be  
sung from moun-tain's high. Sing a new song  
un-to the Lord, sing-ing hal-le-lu-jah!

Shout with gladness! Dance for joy! O come before the Lord.  
And play for God on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound. *Refrain*

Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Savior now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song. *Refrain*

Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Savior lives. *Refrain*

### SECOND READING

JOHN 15:9-17

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 103

### SERMON

REV. CAROLINE M. KELLY

## RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

\* HYMN #515

I COME WITH JOY

"DOVE OF PEACE"

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

COME, RISEN LORD  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest. Nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine.  
Thyself at thine own board make manifest in this our sacrament of bread and wine.

One body we, one body who partake, one church united in communion blest.  
One name we bear, one bread of life we break, with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.

One with each other, Lord, for one in thee, who art one Savior and one living head.  
Then open thou our eyes, that we may see; be known to us in breaking of the bread.

The **Prayer for Illumination** is a hallmark of our Reformed tradition, in which we ask the Holy Spirit to change the ordinary words of scripture and preaching into the Living Word, which has the power to open hearts and minds and to transform our lives.

\* **AT THE PRESENTATION** PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW “LASST UNS ERFREUEN”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures high and low;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

\* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

### INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord ~  
we praise you for your love: bringing order out of chaos,  
breathing life into dust, leading captives to freedom,  
calling wandering children home, giving bread to the hungry,  
giving drink to the thirsty, raising the dead to life.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Thank you Lord ~  
we thank you for Jesus: Word made flesh,  
light of the world, living water, shepherd and gate,  
way and truth, bread of heaven, cup of salvation, resurrection and life.

Take this bread and cup, O God ~  
a feast of grace; take our hearts and lives- an offering of praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Spirit, come ~  
come and live in us: in this bread, in this cup  
in your people, one in body, one in blood,  
one in Christ, one in ministry,  
in this place, in every place;  
in this world, in the world to come...

*(The celebrant continues the prayer.)*

**The Great Thanksgiving** comes from the revised Book of Common Worship (2018). The prayers and other liturgy have been revised to reflect contemporary concerns and fresh language, while staying grounded in the best of Reformed and ecumenical practices.



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME VISITORS:** We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at [www.fpc-cumberland.org](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org) and [www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland](https://www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland). Childcare is provided in the nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you there.

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** While we do provide a nursery for young children, we also welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. After the Time for Young Disciples, children may go to the nursery for a Bible lesson or remain in the sanctuary. Our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship.

**THE PRAY-GROUND** is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God's youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'" (Mark 10:14-15).

**FRIENDSHIP PADS:** Please locate and sign the red pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection plate during the offering. This important practice allows us to be mindful of new folks and long-time members as well, and is a good way to learn (or remember) the names of those with whom you are seated. **If you are visitor, please fill out the "Welcome to First Presbyterian Church" card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate when it comes by during the service.**

**PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES:** (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

**WORSHIP BROADCASTS ON YOUTUBE:** To view worship services live or to view taped worship services, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) (First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland Live Stream) or go to our website <http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/> and click on "click here to view our worship service" located at the bottom of the home page.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of her parents, Kirke and Theresa Davis, by Gail Plitnik. **Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.**

**YOUNG ARTIST'S BENEFIT CONCERT:** The Cumberland Music and Arts Club invites you to the 18th Young Artists' Benefit Concert featuring outstanding vocal and instrumental students grades 8-12 of the Tri-State Area on **today at 3:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, LaVale.**

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & PAM JAN

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of April 29, 2018
Total 2018 Pledges Promised	\$222,725.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 11,275.00
<u>2018 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$211,450.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 72,861.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 67,823.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 5,038.00

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

April 30, 2017

92

April 29, 2018

83

## MISSION

RULING ELDERS: JUDY STERN & PHIL MILLS

**PENTECOST OFFERING:** On Pentecost Sunday we in our congregation will be donating to the Pentecost Offering. Twenty-five percent supports ministries with youth, ages 12-18, and those called to accompany them. Your gifts to the offering helped this ministry area:

- Fund the design of a new Christian Formation endeavor called The Senior Project. This project offers a path and plan for graduating seniors to explore their next steps in faith, community, and vocation.
- Provide a grant to the Presbyterian Youth Workers' Association—a professional association for paid and volunteer adult youth leaders seeking to serve God in their work with young people. Learn more at [www.pywa.org](http://www.pywa.org)
- Support Faith in 3D 2017. An event held over the MLK Observance weekend in January 2017 – that brought together over 2000 youth to explore faith, discipleship and justice.

These are just a few of the ways that your money goes to support our youth and help them grow in faith.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: CAROLYN MATHEWS & DAVID STICKLER

**SAVE-THE-DATES:** ~~May 13, 2018~~ Recognition of High School Seniors  
Marisa Aurigemma, Ben Fiscus, and Addison Stroup

~~May 20, 2018~~ Pentecost: **Wear red!**  
Ordination/Installation of the Session Class of 2021:  
Laura Fiscus, Josh Gilhart, Aaron Hendrickson, and Agnes Yount

## THE SESSION

**Class of 2018:** Carl Belt, Carolyn Mathews, Judy Stern, and Agnes Yount

**Class of 2019:** Shirley Giarritta, Gary Hendrickson, Phil Mills, and David Stickler

**Class of 2020:** Chelsea Boor, Jeff Getty, Pam Jan, and Joe Weaver

Clerk of Session.....Jeff Getty  
Moderator.....Caroline Kelly

## MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

## VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a community grounded in the good news of God's love in Christ where all of God's children are:

- Welcomed and cherished
- Called to worship, learn and grow together in faith, and
- Sent to share God's love and justice with a broken and hurting world.

Adopted by the Session on September 17, 2015

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

### MONDAY, MAY (7)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
1:30PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
6:00PM CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL

### TUESDAY, MAY (8)

#### LEARNING TREE MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
4:30 PM FAITH FORMATION IN THE PARLOR  
6:30 PM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORK NIGHT

### WEDNESDAY, MAY (9)

#### ANNUAL ELEVATOR INSPECTION

#### LEARNING TREE MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
6:00 PM COVENANT BIBLE STUDY IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM  
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

### THURSDAY, MAY (10)

#### LEARNING TREE MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### FRIDAY, MAY (11)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY, MAY (12)

6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

### SUNDAY, MAY (13)

9:45AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY & 2-5 YEAR OLD CLASS: AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION  
11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS